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SOUNDLY DEMOCRATIC UPON PRINCIPLE.

(By Telegraph.)

WHEAT MARKET.

BALTIMORE, July 20, 1881, 1 P. M.

No. 1, Red, \$1.12; No. 2, Red, \$1.10;

No. 3, Red, \$1.08; Steamer, \$1.08; Mixed

Winter, \$1.08.

Flour.—Best Family, \$8.00; Extra,

4.95@5.00; Super, 4.00@4.25.

THE PRESIDENT.

The President continues to improve

gradually, and all apprehensions are al-

layed. If recovery shall proceed uninter-

ruptedly, this physician says he will be

able to sit up and take his dinner on Sun-

day next. The whole country will rejoice

at this intelligence. He was not so well

on Monday, having probably indulged his

appetite too freely, but the trouble from

that cause was only temporary, and his re-

covery progresses at our latest advice.

THE DEMOCRATIC MEETING ON MONDAY.

The meeting of the Democrats of Rock-

ingham at the Court house on Monday last,

was in all respects one of the best meetings

of the sterling Democracy that has assem-

bled in this country since the war. It was

large in numbers, and its personnel of that

kind that vividly brought to mind the

good old meetings of the solid and sturdy

Democratic hosts which made a high re-

nown for the unflinching Democrats of this

heart of the Tenth Legion before the war.

The old men were there, showing the

zeal of former days for the principles for

which they had made a life-long fight; the

young men were there, and gave their time

and enthusiasm to the cause. Decorum

and harmony prevailed, and the meeting

proceeded with its business in a way that

indicated that those co-operating knew

what they had assembled for and were de-

termined to carry it through.

Several resolutions were presented, as to

the proper manner of procedure in the ap-

pointment of delegates, which provoked

discussion, but the resolution as given in

the proceedings was adopted unanimously,

and the meeting dispatched its business

speedily. Elsewhere will be found the list

of delegates, who are Democrats in prin-

ciple, and who, we are pleased to say, will

go to the State Convention unpledged and

untrammeled.

The meeting on Monday gave assurance

that the Mahonites have but a small show-

ing in this country in the contest of this

fall. Rockingham will give a majority to

the nominees of the Democratic State Con-

vention, no matter what the Lynchburg

Convention may do; whether the Mahon-

ites and Republican Readjusters coalesce or

not. The Democrats of Rockingham are

quite tired of the "now you see it, and now

you don't" party of Mahone & Co., and

are renewing their association with their

allies of the past and mean to stay there,

conscious that the place and party to which

all must look for a settlement of the inter-

nal questions agitating the people is in the

Democratic-Conservative party of Virgini-

a—the party of the people.

Tired of the side-show business, they

now turn their attention to a solution of

the question of the debt and others of

State importance, and will accomplish it in

a practical and business way. If some of

the would-be "bosses" get slaughtered it

can be charged to the worship of false

gods and their own folly. And there will

be a slaughter, for the Democracy is arous-

ing to the perils of the times.

The campaign so soon to be inaugurated

is thought by many persons will be hot

and sharp. It is possible that there will

be considerable political excitement and

feeling in the canvass, but we prefer that it

should be conducted upon calm thought,

and that argument instead of invective

should be addressed to the intelligence of

the people. Wily declaimers like John

S. Wise, who treated us last fall to a frothy

faslade of words, full of invective and

venom, should be assigned back seats. The

Democrats do not need such harangues and

our opponents surely cannot expect to

wia before Rockingham people by such

speeches. A plain statement of fact in the

Conservative Democratic speeches of this

year; a clear announcement of fundamen-

tal truths deduced from Democratic doc-

trines and principles, are all that are needed

to arouse the Democracy of Rockingham

to its old-time enthusiasm. Let the doors be

thrown open wide and a generous invita-

tion extended to all democrats, regardless

of past differences, to rally to their old

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Leg Broken.

On Monday evening last, during a friend-

ly tussle between two young men, one of

them, Mr. Peter Byerly, of Pleasant Valley,

fell and broke his right leg just above the

ankle. A number of such accidents have

occurred in this place within a few months

past, and it is time persons were learning

something by experience about this thing

of sparring and tussling. Mr. Byerly's

injury is severe and he will be confined

sometime probably. He was promptly

attended and provided for.

We met an old Rockingham citizen on

the street here on Monday, who was just

about taking the train for his home in the

far west. His name is John Flory, and he

had been here to see his friends and rela-

tives in Rockingham. He has been a

resident of Colorado for the last eight years

and when he first went there was surround-

ed by Indians on all sides. It would take

a big book to list the location and busi-

ness of the scattered people from Rocking-

ham who have gone away within the last

20 years.

We received more new subscribers on

Monday last than ever came into this office

in one day. For this we are very thankful,

and take occasion to kindly urge it upon

our friends to keep the ball rolling, and we

promise to do our full duty in giving them

a good paper. Let there be a rally

all along the line, and each subscriber, new

or old, secure at least one more. Fifty cents

to January 1st from August 1st—only ten

cents a month for five months by this

special offer.

Hon. Wm. M. Kincaid, of Green county,

Penn., spent sometime in this section, and

left us Monday evening on his return home.

He was prospecting for a location, was

well pleased with our country, and we say

to him, and as many others as he can in-

duce to come, come along—there is room

for all, and we guarantee you a hospitable

and kindly reception.

To-day, (Thursday) July 21st, is to be a

great day at Luray. An excursion of sev-

eral Pennsylvania Posts of the Grand Ar-

my of the Republic will be there; all the

old Confederate soldiers of the Valley are

invited; the Cave will be illuminated; the

citizens of Luray are to unite in the cele-

bration, and a grand time is anticipated.

Lecture at Masonic Hall to-night, Thurs-

day, at 8 p. m., by Mrs. J. H. Hatcher.

Subject: "The Witch of Endor." 25 cts.

at the door.

I commend this lady and her lecture to

this community. She is endorsed by Rev.

Thos. Guard, Rev. R. A. Sled, D. D., and

many other prominent ministers.

J. L. SHIPLEY.

Col. Barbee, the playmate of the Bridge-

water children, the favorite of the ladies,

and loved of all, editor of the *Journal*,

called to see us on Monday. His jovial

countenance is sunshine to the editorial

sanctum. Call again, but don't tell us

snake stories, Col.

Monday last was County Court day and

there was a large number of citizens of the

county present. The sale of horses was

not up to the usual standard of activity.

The incidents of the day were of the usual

character, and aside from the political

meetings there was nothing of special in-

terest transpiring.

The summer resorts in this county are

filling up very rapidly. Rawley has more

visitors than since the war before, and Hop-

kins' Mineral Springs has a fine large company.

The prospect is very good for a good season

all around.

M. B. Heller, a Charlottesville Alderman,

was here on Tuesday last. He went to

Rawley on Monday evening. Mr. H. a

one time resided here and did business.

He is looking well and wears his alder-

manic honors gracefully.

A Mahoneite Club was formed in this

place on Monday night last. We know

nothing of its proceedings, and took no

special pains to learn anything about it.

Graham H. Harris, son and law partner

of Hon. John T. Harris, returned home

from a visit to Chicago and other parts

of the West on Monday evening last.

Read Mayor Beatty's Organ Advertisement,

and send to Washington, N. J., for

his latest Illustrated Catalogue.

The Board of Supervisors will meet on

Monday next 25th of July for the purpose

of organizing.

Singer Manufacturing Co. want more

agents. See advertisement.

SHENANDOAH MEETING.—The Shenan-

News.

And now Frederickicks is to have a

park!

There have been eleven deaths from lock-

jaw, supe induced by wounds from toy pis-

tols in Baltimore since July 4th.

A military company has been organized

at Berryville, to be called the Clarke Rifles,

with S. H. Moore as captain and John T.

Crowe first lieutenant.

The earnings of the Norfolk & Western

railroad for the month of June show an in-

crease in receipts over last year of \$18,991-

82, and of \$212,839.20 for the year, over 1880.

In 1880 the assessed value of real and

personal estate in New York city exceed-

ed that of the preceding year by \$8,018,-

863. This year the increase is \$42,182,871.

Maud S. is the marvel of the age in horse

flesh. Mr. Vanderbilt confidently expects

that before the season is over she will make

a record of 2:04 or 2:05. Fleetwood Park,

near New York, is to be put in A1 condi-

tion for the coming season.

The publication of a new weekly paper,

to be called the Industrial South, is to be

begun in Richmond in the course of the

next ten days, under the editorial manage-

ment and control of Colonel James A. Mc-

Donald and Major Baker P. Lee.

The heat at the Tredgare Iron Works, at

Richmond, was so intense on the 19th inst.,

that work had to be suspended, but all such

complaints of the heat, and all such com-

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OLD COMMONWEALTH

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 21, 1881.

SUPPLEMENT.

Oats as Horse Feed.

Every good horseman knows that sound oats are the best food that can be given a galloping horse, and the only food on which a race-horse or hunter can be got in the best possible condition. It is equally well known, too, that horses fed liberally on maize or Indian corn do slow work; indeed get too fat entirely for quick work, although it is generally considered one-third cheaper to feed corn than oats. In the East horses are fed on barley, and it is a popular idea with English officers who have done duty in Persia and Syria that the change of food from barley to the imported oats often produces blindness in the Arabian horses. Now, although no men understand better, if as well, how to get race-horses in proper condition than English grooms, they do not, nor do many of their masters, know the exact reason why it is that oats are the best food for putting muscular flesh on a horse. The agricultural chemist steps in here and shows plainly that it is because oats contain more of the muscle-forming principle than perhaps any other food, and considerably less of the fat-forming principle than corn, and that if you want quick action in a horse corn is not a cheap food by any means. When we feed a bullock, a sheep or a hog for market, we want to make it fat as quickly and as cheaply as possible; but with a horse for work the object is to give him muscle, or, in other words, hard flesh.

There are times, it is true, when it is profitable to make a horse fat—when, for instance, he is for sale—for which purpose a pound or so of oil-cake in addition to his ordinary feed of corn has a good effect. It is especially useful not only in fattening him quickly, but in changing his coat. A horse in low condition changes his coat very slowly. A mixture however, of crushed corn and beans, in the proportion of two-thirds of the former to one-third of the latter, has been used with equal effect as a flesh-forming and fat-forming food. On the whole, we think that if farmers would feed more oats and less corn to their work-horses, at least during the spring and summer months, they would find the difference in the expense more than counterbalanced by the gain in work.

Gentle Words to Horses.

The ridiculously loud tone of voice in which orders are generally given to horses, when the driver desires them to start or stop, has often been a subject of surprise to me. If horses were next thing to deaf, there would be an excuse for the shoutings and yellings so generally indulged, but they are not, and therefore need not be spoken to so loudly and harshly. The ear of a horse is very sensitive, and, save in exceptional cases, it is possible to control his motions by a command given in a moderate tone of voice, just as readily, and indeed, I think, more readily than where this rough, rude manner is used.

A horse is a teachable animal, and is always affected by kind treatment. The fact of the matter is, that if kind words and gentle treatment throughout were given these noble animals, instead of oaths, curses and blows, we should find their docility greatly increased. Just imagine, if you will, a gee! or whoa! uttered in a tone sufficiently loud to be heard at a half mile's distance, and this command given to an animal within five or ten feet of the party giving it. Wherein consists the necessity for it? Why not resort to more rational, certainly more pleasing means? Why not speak in a moderate tone? This is all that is required. The horse, if not deaf, can hear it, and will as readily obey as if given in thundering tones.

One of the best managed teams I have ever seen, was controlled by the driver without the indulgence of any of this unmusical yelling. The driver rarely ever spoke above his ordinary tone of voice, and yet his horses laid into their work with as much willingness, and apparently greater earnestness than if they had been driven to it by fearful shoutings and blows. Let me appeal to the common sense of your readers in this particular direction. The horse is an intelligent animal. None of the brute creation more readily appreciate kind words and kind treatment. Such facts should be considered always by those who have the care of these animals. R. R. S.

If feathered stock is rightly managed diseases of fowls will be comparatively rare. Breeding "in-and-in," or breeding "close" even, is productive of more delicacies of constitution than most poultry keepers are aware of. It is bad business to be fussing with sick fowls. Better breed right.

As soon as chickens are large enough to eat corn, do not restrict them to that alone, but still feed them, once a day at least, with soft food. This will aid growth and keep them in health. Hot weather is hard on them, and to keep them up it is necessary to feed them well.

Geraniums for Winter Blooming.

From the middle of August to the middle of September, select cuttings or "slips" from your plants. The fresh growth of stock, not the old and woody; the new branches nearest the root are best. Break them off, close to the parent stalk (better than to cut them), and plant in soil composed of one-third clean sand—river sand if convenient—and two-thirds rich garden soil. Keep them well watered, with sunlight after a few days, and allow them to remain in the open air as long as possible. When driven to the house by frost place them by south, east, or if obliged to, by west window. Water them daily, but not have them water soaked; have plenty of moisture in the air by means of evaporation of water or furnace if you are a martyr to this so-called modern improvement. By January or February flowering will begin. Of course the care they receive and favorableness of surroundings will have much to do with the profusion of bloom. Moisture in the air is absolutely essential to success. The ordinary iron or coal stove, or dish between the stove-pipe and stove, or attached to the pipe, is little or no good. The best means we have found is to remove the top of the stove, which is usually moveable to admit the coal, and have a pan of tin or copper made to fit the depression, which is generally in the top casting. If this dish holds a gallon or so, all the better for the plants, and the more conducive to the health of the occupants of the room. The best jar for plants is the old-fashioned, brick-colored crock. Avoid all that are glazed upon the outside or inside. The glazing prevents evaporation through the pores of the jars, and geraniums will not thrive well without this. Small boxes put together with screws, or dovetailed, make excellent receptacles for growing plants. Geraniums and plants generally do best in medium-sized, "lowish" rooms. This becomes one of the compensations for living in small or cottage houses; you can have your windows in dreary winter "blossom as the rose," while those of stately mansions present a barren or scraggy appearance.

Deep and Shallow Milk-Pans.

The question, which is the better, deep or shallow pans, for cream to rise in, has from time immemorial been debated. The reason for this tardy settlement of the question is, because a large surface of milk seems, at a glance, a more favorable condition for the cream to rise than a smaller one. So satisfied were we of this, at one time, that we had a number of shallow pans made, for the economy of it; but shortly after we commenced using them, having more milk than the shallow pans could hold, the person who attended the dairy put the surplus milk into deep jars, not having anything else to put it in at the time. This person, who was perfectly reliable, said the cream rose much better in the deep jars than in the shallow pans. We replied, "It, no doubt, seems so" to her; but from a given quantity of milk, we believe, a larger quantity of cream would rise in a given time in the shallow pans than in the jars. After several more trials, she satisfied us that the deep jars were best. Now, as we must accommodate the philosophy to the fact, we venture to say that the reason why a deep pan is better is, that the specific gravity of water being greater than the cream globules, and there being more than thirty per cent. of water, the globules are forced up more rapidly in a given quantity of milk in a deep pan than they would be in a shallow one. In other words, if a gallon of milk is put in a jar six inches in diameter, and the same quantity is put in a jar twelve inches in diameter, the water in the former will force the cream to the surface in much less time than it would in the latter. In connection with this idea, we will state that the quicker cream rises, the better it is for butter; indeed, it has been recently proved that cream in some way loses, after it has been rising more than eighteen hours. Then, as experiments have proved that cream rises more rapidly in deep than shallow pans, it follows that they are best for butter-making.—*Religious Herald.*

COAL ASHES.—Dry earth is unquestionably the best thing in the world for the dusting bin. It may be procured with very little trouble during a dry spell in summer. But if not attended to at the proper season, or if the supply gives out, then coal ashes are a very good substitute. One great merit which they possess is, that as taken from the stove or furnace they are so very dry. The dust-bin in the fowl house should be so arranged as to not gather dampness from the ground, for the dryer its contents can be kept the better. Coal ashes should be furnished in a separate box, in case the dust-bin is filled with dry earth, for the ashes contain bits of burnt slate and other earthy matter greedily devoured by fowls in winter, and which serve to promote appetite and digestion, and contain materials for the formation of egg-shells. Wood ashes have been recommended for fowls to roll in, as it is said the potash they contain is noxious to vermin. No doubt, but it is too caustic for the feet and skin of the fowls, and in wet weather forms a biting lye. Hens will not wallow in wood ashes when dry earth is accessible, and they ought to have something to say in the matter.

Rules for Measurement of Land and Corn in Crib.

MEASUREMENT OF LAND.

In order that the farmer may know the number of acres each of his fields contain he should first provide himself with a straight pole a rod in length and notched into yards. Then if the sides of the field about to be measured are all parallel, multiply its length in rods by its breadth in rods, and divide by 160, and the quotient will be the number of acres in the field. But if the field is triangular in shape, multiply the longest side in rods by the greatest width in rods, and divide half the product by 160. If, however, the sides of the field are irregular, lay it off into two or more triangles, as may be most convenient, find the number of acres in each of such triangles, and add the products together. This will give the number of acres in the whole field.

MEASUREMENT OF CORN IN CRIB.

A multiplicity of rules tend to confuse. The reason is obvious. New corn will not measure as many bushels to the foot as old corn, on account of shrinkage. A crib of corn measured in the fall will not turn out as many bushels to the cubic foot as when measured in the spring or summer. Hence the necessity of working by different circumstances. All rules are based upon the number of cubic inches in a bushel of shelled corn, which is 2150.4. If all corn shelled out the same under all circumstances, it would be a very easy matter to determine the contents of a crib by one and the same rule. As near right as any rule possibly can be is to calculate twelve cubic feet to a barrel (five bushels) of corn in a crib in the fall, eleven and a half feet in the spring, and about eleven feet in summer.—*Selected.*

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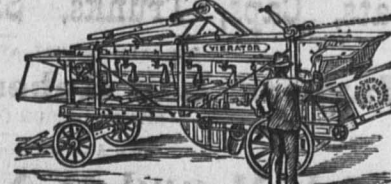
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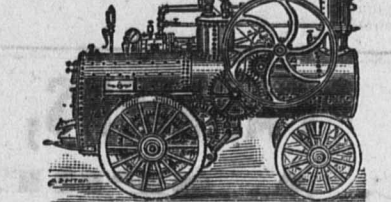
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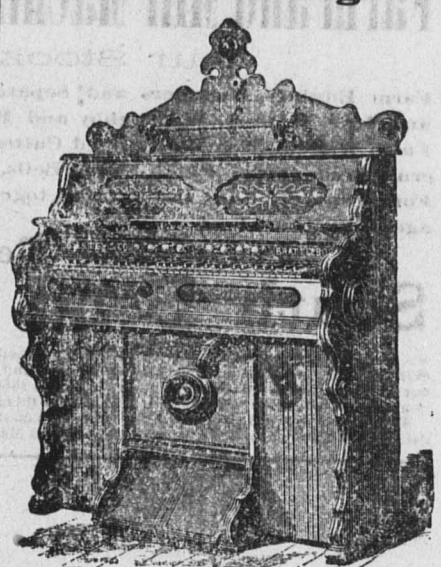
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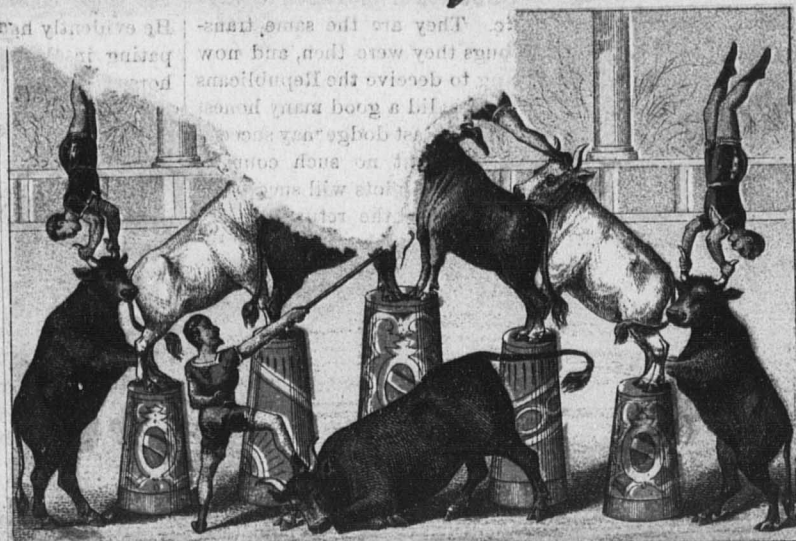
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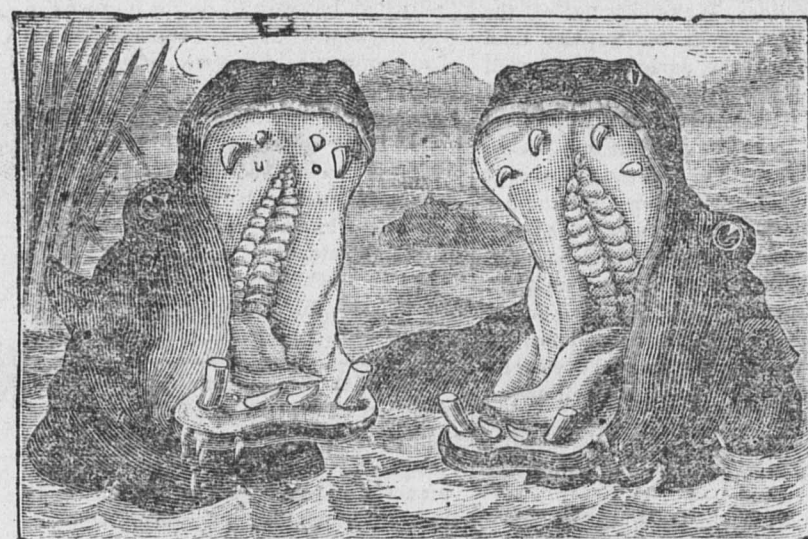
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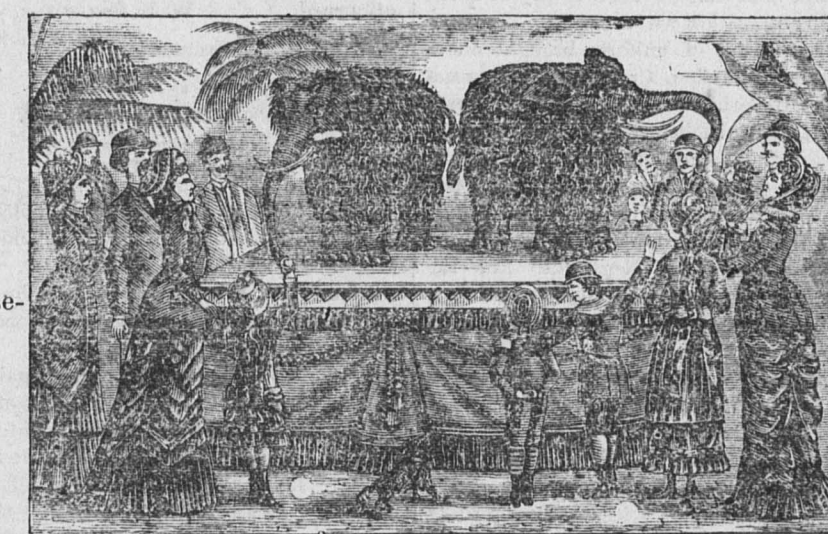
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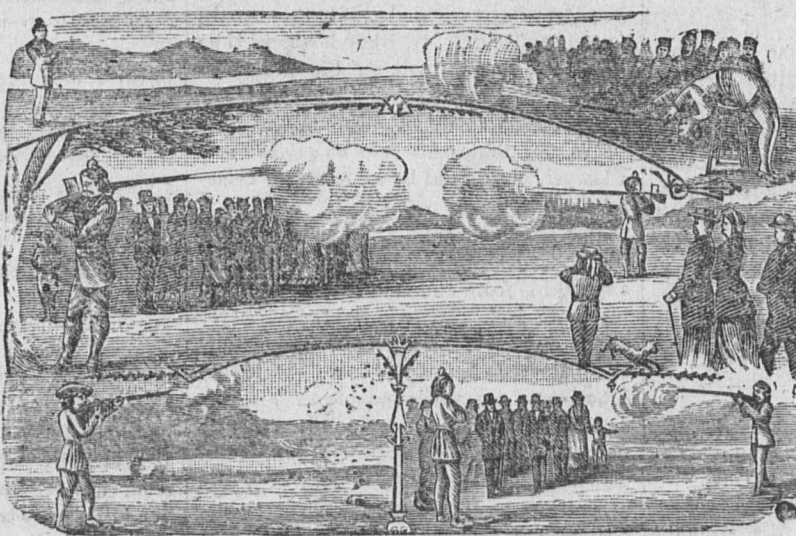
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MEETING OF THE OFFICERS THE 2D REGIMENT.

MUCH BUSINESS TRANSACTED!

Synopsis of the Proceedings

On Friday and Saturday last the meetings of the commissioned officers, field, staff and line, heretofore noticed in these columns, took place.

There were in attendance Col. W. L. Bumgardner; Lt. Col. O. B. Rorer; Maj. Magruder; Capt. Downing, Adjutant; Capt. Brown, Q. M.; Capt. Faulkner, Commissary, and Captains Macatee, Williams, McQuaide, Newman, Moore and Donovan; Lieutenants Jackson, Baker, Myers, Kerr, Warren, Ott, Byrd, Doah, Meem and Koontz—23.

The meetings were held in the parlors of the Spotswood Hotel, where the very best accommodations were afforded. Much important business was transacted.

It was unanimously resolved that the Regiment will attend the Yorktown centennial celebration in October next. In response to inquiry it was ascertained that the companies of the Regiment would attend the Yorktown centennial with pretty full ranks.

A helmet of the U. S. regulation pattern was adopted for rank and file.

An encampment sometime during the summer at one of the surrounding watering places in the Valley being in contemplation, measures toward which had been taken, propositions were submitted from the Rawley Springs Company, Capon Springs, and Orkney Springs. The Orkney Springs Company having offered especial inducements in the way of rates, their proposition was accepted.

The matter of uniform brought out a lengthy discussion. Cross belts with breast plates, denoting the number of the Regiment, and waist-belts bearing the letter of the company, were adopted.

The most important work of this meeting and which consumed the most time, was framing and adopting the laws for the government of the Regiment. For the purpose of preparing and submitting a code of laws, the following committee was appointed: Lt. Col. O. B. Rorer, Captains Williams, Macatee, McQuaide and Donovan, with Captains Newman and Moore as advisory members.

A committee on the "State of the Regiment" was appointed, comprised of the above named officers, with Col. Bumgardner added. These gentlemen will go to Richmond about August 1st, to look after the interests of the Regiment.

A kind note was received from the Rawley Springs Company, inviting the officers of the 2d Virginia Regiment to be their guests some time about August 1st, but owing to the inability of the officers to attend, in consequence of pressing business engagements, the invitation was declined with thanks and regrets.

Resolutions of thanks to the Harrisonburg Guards for their courteous and elegant entertainment, and to Mr. Schindler, of the Spotswood Hotel, for his unremitting attention to the comfort of the guests of the Guards.

All the deliberations were most harmonious, and the feeling among the officers was most friendly and fraternal. We are pleased to observe that the more frequently these officers are brought together the stronger becomes the bonds of friendship and fraternity.

On Friday night the board of officers were entertained by the Harrisonburg Guards at a banquet, spread in Schindler's best style. This was an unexpected feature of the meeting, which was very highly enjoyed by the officers, together with such invited guests as were present. The very best of spirits prevailed and the entertainment lasted until a late hour of the night.

There will be a camp meeting held at Mt. Hermon camp ground, two and a-half miles west of Elkton station, S. V. R. R., East Rockingham circuit Baltimore Conference, commencing August 11th, 1881, and continuing one week or more, at the interest of the meeting may determine. Board and lodging will be furnished on the ground. No luckeering permitted. The order of the camp will be under the direction of a magistrate and other officers of the law.
L. H. GRAYBILL, P. E.

STANTON ITEMS.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Valley railroad is called for the 11th of August at this place to get authority for the additional mortgage of \$300,000 which has been asked for, making the whole amount \$1,000,000. The work, however, will, it is understood, be commenced before that time.

The City Council, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution renting the Opera-house to Messrs. Robert Hill, Jr., late of Richmond, and W. L. Olive, an old Petersburg citizen, for \$500 a year, with the privilege of two years.—*Frederator.*

Democratic Meeting.

A meeting of the Democracy of Rockingham was held in the Court-house on Monday last, pursuant to call of the County Executive Committee. The County Chairman, W. H. Ritenour, Esq., called the meeting to order and explained that the object of the meeting was to appoint delegates to represent the county of Rockingham in the State Democratic Convention to be held in Richmond on August 4th.

On motion, W. H. Ritenour was elected Permanent Chairman, and the Editors of the *Register* and *Commonwealth* were requested to act as Secretaries.

Col. W. M. Silbert offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five, one from each township, be appointed by the Chair to select delegates and alternates to the Richmond Convention, which committee shall constitute a part of the delegation.

Maj. L. C. Whitescarver offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That a committee of three from each township, be appointed by the Chair to select delegates and alternates to the Richmond Convention.

The resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

Under the resolution a committee of three from each District in the county was appointed by the chair, as follows:

Ashby—D. G. Whitmer, H. K. Devier, Jno. Craven; Central—G. B. Keezel, A. H. Brewer, James Kenney; Plains—W. M. Silbert, T. G. Williamson, D. M. Beam; Linville—C. J. Brock, W. R. McKeever, Dr. Zirkle; Stonewall—Dr. S. P. H. Miller, Z. D. Gilmer, C. M. Killian.

The committee retired and after consultation presented the following list of delegates and alternates:

Ashby District—Delegates: M. J. Meyerhoeffer, M. Lindon, B. M. Rice, H. W. Rorer. Alternates: Charles Van Lear, Dr. G. W. Dinges, H. K. Devier, L. C. Whitescarver.

Central District—Delegates: G. B. Keezel, Col. O. B. Rorer, Dr. S. H. Moffett, Dr. J. S. Curry. Alternates: Maj. A. Taylor, Adolph Wise, Winfield Liggett, Jacob Funkhouser.

Stonewall District—Delegates: Dr. T. N. Sellers, Dr. S. P. H. Miller, C. M. Killian. Alternates: Dr. L. B. Yancey, C. W. S. Turner, J. W. Blackburn.

Linville District—Delegates: Chas. J. Brock and Robert J. Mason. Alternates: S. R. Allebaugh and James R. Price.

Plains District—Delegates: W. M. Silbert, C. G. Jennings, M. J. Martz. Alternates: D. M. Beam, J. W. Taylor, P. W. Pugh.

On motion, the County Executive Committee was added to the delegation from this county. The County Executive Committee is composed of the following gentlemen: W. H. Ritenour, county chairman; W. R. McKeever, Linville District; Z. B. Gilmer, Stonewall; A. Shuttles, Ashby; P. W. Pugh, Plains; C. T. O'Ferrall, Central. The meeting having concluded the business for which it assembled, on motion it adjourned.

W. H. RITENOUR, Chairman.
G. DEVIER, } Secretaries.
J. K. SMITH, }

There is no such Bitters as B. B. B.

Bridgewater Items.

We gather from the *Journal* the following items of what is going on at Bridgewater:

John W. F. Allemon Esq., and family are rusticiating in the healthful regions of White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. R. E. Carroll, a gifted portrait painter, is in town and ready to receive orders at his studio. From a specimen of his work in a life sized portrait which he has taken of Dr. D. A. Bucher, and which we have seen, we are justified in saying that Mr. Carroll has reached a high standard in his beautiful profession and may be safely trusted with commissions.

Some good friend, who appreciates and understands the needs of editorial brethren, presented Col. Barbee, editor of the *Journal*, with a basket of fine potatoes last week.

Smith Dinkle has become a poet.

The "Masonic Temple Association" of Bridgewater, will meet on the 30th of July to "consider the propriety of selling their building and grounds."

Rev. D. Bush preached a sermon on Sunday last in the M. E. Church, Bridgewater, "in commemoration of the life, Christian virtues, and peaceful death of the late aged Christian pilgrim, Adam Rader." Father Rader was a link between the past and present, and one of the best known Methodist Patriarchs of the Valley of Virginia.

Snell & Bro. keep B. B. B.

Gathering In.

On Friday evening or Saturday morning last, our young friend P. B. Treiber, of Charlottesville, crossed the Blue Ridge as a sort of *accoutre*, to be present here on Monday to hear "honor-never-bought-a-breakfast" Blair, Mahoneite candidate for Attorney-General, speak. On Sunday, Mr. Blair, accompanied by Capt. Sam. C. Williams, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, arrived here and took up quarters at the Spotswood Hotel. In his room at the hotel there was a rally of the heavy guns of the Mahoneite persuasion hereabouts, which lasted, except a recess for supper, until about 12 midnight or thereabouts. The boys who called were not very numerous but the crowd was very select.

Herman Wise sells B. B. B.

A new Washing machine is being introduced here which is said to be ahead of any machine yet invented for the purpose. Of washing machines there have been more inventions than of any other labor-saving implement in existence, perhaps, and yet the true principle of doing this work does not seem to have been reached. A common waterfall of clear spring water dashing through the threads of the cloth is that principle.

The finest tonic in the world, B. B. B.

Mr. Phil. B. Peyton, clerk in the office of the Virginia Midland Railway Company in this city, is spending the heated term at Rawley Springs.—*Alex. Gazette.*

Sells Brothers' Millionaire Confederation of Stupendous Railroad Shows.

Their present venture exceeds, in both size, novelty and expense, anything of the kind heretofore attempted.—*Cincinnati Daily Enquirer.*

This great show which has for some time been announced as coming to Harrisonburg and whose date is positively fixed for Thursday, August 4, is remarkable for something more than the enormous proportions and wealth noted by the *Enquirer*, and that is for the confidence it displays in public appreciation, and the frank manner in which it insists upon a thorough investigation of the absolute truth of the many extraordinary announcements it makes.

While it respectfully solicits and sincerely appreciates patronage, it does not beg a single undeserved favor from either the public or the press. To the former it denounces lying advertisements as an attempt to obtain money under false pretenses, which they should enforce the law to punish and prevent, and from the latter it asks only such reputation as the candid critic can conscientiously accord. It also utterly discards every one of the many customary, catch-penny and tempting schemes for making large sums of money easily, and by stamping out all petty sharpers, renting no privileges to any one, prohibiting all peddling under its tents, and protecting its patrons from importunity and imposition, displays a most honorable determination to legitimately deserve recognition, and to depend solely upon legitimate receipts for its reward. Its proprietors are business men of character and responsibility, and we are glad to know that their new departure in management is no longer an experiment, but a demonstrated and immense success, which encourages them to greater effort in so excellent a work.

Their further policy is that the rarest features, no matter how expensive, pay best, if printer's ink is only used to bring them before the public, and hence it is that they have invested almost fabulous sums in the gorgeous free display of music, decoration and parade; in procuring the Great Electric Light; the only pair of Living White Nile Hippopotami; the only gigantic Two-horned living White Rhinoceros; the only complete Asiatic and African Caravan of Elephants, Camels and Dromedaries; the only pair of Living Woolly Elephants ever known; the only Living Gigantic Rainbow hued Mandrill; the only living full-grown Dwarf Elephant, exhibited under a glass case, and far smaller and infinitely more wonderful than any Baby Elephant at birth; the only colossal and complete Arctic Aquarium of ice-defying amphibious mammoths; the only Drove of Six Performing Colorado Cattle; the only pair of Full-grown Polar Bears; over fifty tons of Educated Animals; the only Willis Cobb's amazing Miniature Circus; the only King Barbo's marvelous Royal Japanese Circus; James Robinson, the supremely great Baraback Equestrian; Geo. M. Kelley, the lionized Champion Leaper; Baughman and Butler, the incredibly skillful Rifle Shots, and a veritable host of rare wild beasts and great performers besides; altogether more than enough to complete what the press everywhere pronounces to be a genuine railroad World's Fair of Wonders, always presenting every attraction billed.

Ask your merchant for B. B. B.

Mrs. Fulk, mother of Squire A. H. Fulk, who resides at Fulk's Run in Brook's Gap, is now in her 90th year, and has resided upon the same old homestead for over 70 years. She was born in Loudon county and was married and moved to her present home when about 20 years of age. Those who were born in the eighteenth century yet living are very few indeed, and in a few years there will be none left. Ninety years is a great age, but the healthy atmosphere of the Brook's Gap region is as favorable to longevity as any part of this continent.

Wheat.

Wheat is beginning to come into this market in considerable quantities and farmers are finding Harrisonburg a good market in which to dispose of their cereals. There is healthy competition here which enables them to get the very highest possible prices—down to a fraction of a cent—that wheat will bring. We begin to-day the quotation of wheat, which we receive by telegraph up to noon on Wednesday. We shall keep our country friends advised of market prices as far as we possibly can.

Merchants everywhere sell B. B. B.

It was the "most unkindest out of all" when Wright Gatewood was not allowed a chance to "expleturate" at the Mahoneite meeting Monday night. But our persevering friend has been made a canvasser, we learn, and he will make up for this little mishap when he gets into the field and has his war-paint on. He's as terrible as "an army with banners" when on the stump. Brother G., we don't charge anything for this announcement of your public speaking in the fall campaign.

No family should be without "B. B. B."

That old Roman and unflinching Democrat, our friend M. J. Moyerhoeffer, bore off the palm on Monday last when he marched into this office with his list of new subscribers. At Moyerhoeffer's Store the circulation of the *COMMONWEALTH* is as large as all of the other papers of the county combined, and we give the credit to our old friend. "Mike" calls it "getting even."

We think he is considerably ahead.

No more dyspepsia, B. B. B. cures it.

Fifty new subscribers on Monday last and not a good day for subscribers either. Well, we are doing pretty well, and begin to feel that that "50,000 majority," claimed by Blair for the Mahoneite ticket this year, is melting, melting away. Roll on the ball.

G. A. Myers & Co., sell B. B. B.

Why should the comet be named after Brady? Because it is the last star out. See?

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We pass over the intervening period, and drop into the broad day of Monday noon, when a few trills from Prof. Clay's cornet summoned the musical corps, who they wended their way to the vicinity of the grand stand, previously described, where they poured forth a melody or two, in their sweetest strains, and drew a crowd who wanted to hear the music.

Soon the would-be but won't-be Attorney General from the Sou'-West appeared, and from what we had heard, we expected some reverberations from a Columbiad but were surprised to find him a single-barrel small gun of very smooth bore.

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Just here we would kindly remind Mr. Blair that he need no longer beat the air, expend his froth and lung power, in fighting funderism. There is no funder party any more than his mongrel politics amounts to readjusterism, but this is a fight for supremacy of the white people of Virginia against the negro element manipulated by unscrupulous demagogues who want office.

The black element with enough of white to make up a mingled mass of destructionists—whose one principle is place and power, and whose pride is rule or ruin—the foundation stone of communism.

We did not hear all of Mr. Blair's speech. We heard enough, however. So did many others, who went away disgusted. His statements, given out as facts, were latitudinous to the last degree. As an instance he remarked something after this style—

"You horny-handed sons of toil, who labor for 50 cents a day and pay 25 cents of it in taxes" * * *

In a minute after he proclaimed, "I am not here to array labor against capital, nor capital against labor." We should just here like to understand what he was doing if not preaching the direct communism? Is it true that those who work for 50 cents a day are paying 25 cents (or one-half) for taxes? What miserable bosh! What dispicable stuff! And yet a few idiots applauded such utterances.

If the Mahone-combination advocates expect to win by such statements they must place a very large estimate upon the extent of the credulity of the people, or hope to succeed by imposing such stuff upon the general ignorance.

Personally Mr. Blair is a pleasant-appearing gentleman, and is doubtless a good fellow. But he is a failure as a stumper, and his effort to "enthuse" Rockinghamers was a dead failure. He is no doubt a good lawyer, in the common meaning of the term, but, if the campaign depends upon him, we hardly think he will be Attorney-General this year.

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Just here we would kindly remind Mr. Blair that he need no longer beat the air, expend his froth and lung power, in fighting funderism. There is no funder party any more than his mongrel politics amounts to readjusterism, but this is a fight for supremacy of the white people of Virginia against the negro element manipulated by unscrupulous demagogues who want office.

The black element with enough of white to make up a mingled mass of destructionists—whose one principle is place and power, and whose pride is rule or ruin—the foundation stone of communism.

We did not hear all of Mr. Blair's speech. We heard enough, however. So did many others, who went away disgusted. His statements, given out as facts, were latitudinous to the last degree. As an instance he remarked something after this style—

"You horny-handed sons of toil, who labor for 50 cents a day and pay 25 cents of it in taxes" * * *

In a minute after he proclaimed, "I am not here to array labor against capital, nor capital against labor." We should just here like to understand what he was doing if not preaching the direct communism? Is it true that those who work for 50 cents a day are paying 25 cents (or one-half) for taxes? What miserable bosh! What dispicable stuff! And yet a few idiots applauded such utterances.

If the Mahone-combination advocates expect to win by such statements they must place a very large estimate upon the extent of the credulity of the people, or hope to succeed by imposing such stuff upon the general ignorance.

Personally Mr. Blair is a pleasant-appearing gentleman, and is doubtless a good fellow. But he is a failure as a stumper, and his effort to "enthuse" Rockinghamers was a dead failure. He is no doubt a good lawyer, in the common meaning of the term, but, if the campaign depends upon him, we hardly think he will be Attorney-General this year.

For our part we could scarcely tell

whether the affair of the Mahoneites was a funeral or a "wake." It lacked all the essentials of the heretofore brisk political performances in the palm days of our good friend John Paul. John used to "enthuse" the boys to the highest pitch, and the "rah rah Paul" was as common to our ears as the sound of the Sunday morning church bell. The "hurray boys" of other and palmier days did not put in an appearance, and the result was that the "rahs" were feeble and the old-time yells entirely absent. Blair did not fill the bill, and we could not help but think that the play had lost its charm, and the mourners were ready for the funeral. It was tame, very tame. True, the "allies" rallied, but looked as if in doubt whether to hurrah or be silent, inasmuch as they had decided in a meeting to vote that Jim Cochran had misrepresented them before Garfield, and yet they would support a straight-out Republican ticket, if one should be nominated. Between "hawk and buzzard" the allies hesitated, and in hesitation there was death to enthusiasm.

So far as we could see the yell had gone out of the thing and it was as limp as the weakest dishrag. A sickly smile spread itself over a few sorrow-faced townsmen, who try hard to make-believe they feel an interest in the "horny-handed sons of toil," but it failed to impress any one that the grimace was anything but an uncomfortable attempt at a grin. The grin on the occasion belonged to the Democrats, who enjoyed it to the full.

Riddleberger came to the stand by call next. Harry is a good fellow, and notwithstanding his recent bad associations has some conscientious convictions left. He evidently had no stomach for participating in this performance. But a fresh horse was called for and he was pranced into the stand. Harry is gallant, electrical and the hardest to knock down of all of the fellows on that side. We have often seen him brought to his knees but he always rebounds with wonderful agility. Remember that Harry said in the Richmond Mahone Convention that "Lewis cannot carry a county west of the Blue Ridge." Privately he sticks to what he said first, but publicly and politically he will make no such admission. But he was brief, very brief on this occasion, and a few common place remarks dropped from sight. But one about public schools we should not forget.

If we remember aright he said, "if the public school are to be continued the taxation upon the whites and their property must be increased to support and keep in operation the colored schools." We do not pretend to quote his words, but give the idea as nearly as we can. We are afraid our old friend has been demoralized by his associations of last winter and early spring, whilst stopping in Washington to "insure Sergeant-at-Arms of the U. S. Senate—the associate of Don Cameron, Geo. P. Hoar, John Logan, etc."

Then our old charmer, Hon. John Paul, sailed in. You all know John; he, who was represented as a *Conestoga*, a heavy draft, in the races in Rockingham, of several years ago. John "pitched in" but he soon saw the tide was "agin" him, and though he brandished around lively he couldn't raise the old yell. John, the jig is up. Better renig and swear you did not play the wrong card; that it was all a mistake, that you never was a greenbacker, never wanted money three feet deep, etc. Recant and for the future do right. You mean well, but—but this thing won't do.

Last of all, and in this instance the best of the wine was not reserved for the last of the feast, Hon. John F. Lewis, Republican U. S. Marshal of the Western District of Virginia, and Mahoneite candidate for Lieut-Governor, came to the stand. He didn't speak more than ten minutes, but that was enough, for the crowd left in droves, and the performance then closed for the want of spectators.

At Night.

About 8 p. m. the Court-house bell was rung, and the announcement was handed from mouth to mouth that a Mahoneite Club was to be organized. When we got to the Court-house Wright Gatewood, Esq., had been called to the chair, and Chas. D. Harrison was addressing the crowd. Now we all think well of "Charley." He is a very clever young man, but as he said he "didn't care whether he was called a greenbacker, a republican or a radical," or any other name, he would advocate what he believed right, we became suspicious of the young man, and thought he wandered from the faith of his estimable father, and thought also that the "son of his father" had better take a stitch or two in his political ambition. "Charley" is a candidate for something, which we will discover very soon, but we are afraid the Mahoneites would be able to pay him for his services by the donation of an